

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1-4 and 6-23 are currently pending. Claims 1-4, 6, 11, 18, and 20 have been amended. Claim 5 has been canceled and claims 21-23 have been added. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An input device comprising:  
a housing having:  
a bottom case; and  
an upper member disposed above the bottom case, the upper member including a palm rest configured to support a user's palm, and at least one a left key plate extending continuously from the palm rest to form a left hinge recess disposed in a bottom surface of the upper member and between the at least one left key plate and the palm rest without a gap, and a right key plate extending continuously from the palm rest to form a right hinge recess disposed in the bottom surface of the upper member and between the right key plate and the palm rest without a gap,

the at least one left key plate being movable in bending relative to the palm rest at the left hinge recess to activate a left key switch,

the right key plate being movable in bending relative to the palm rest at the right hinge recess to activate a right key switch,

the left hinge recess being angled forward and outward to the left from a central region of the upper member, and

the right hinge recess being angled forward and outward to the right from the central region of the upper member.

2. (Currently Amended) The input device of claim 1 wherein the left and right hinge recesses comprises a hinge recess which is are smaller in thickness than the palm rest.

3. (Currently Amended) The input device of claim 2 wherein the left and right hinge recess is recesses are smaller in thickness than the at least one key plate the left and right key plates.

4. (Currently Amended) The input device of claim 3 wherein the left and right hinge recess decreases recesses decrease in thickness gradually from the palm rest and from the at least one key plate left and right key plates, respectively, reaching a minimum thickness at an intermediate location between the palm rest and at least one key plate left and right key plates.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The input device of claim 1 wherein the at least one key plate comprises a left key plate and a right key plate which are spaced from one another by a spacing, and further comprising an island disposed in the spacing and connected between the left key plate and the right key plate.

7. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 6 wherein the island includes at least one opening through which at least one user-manipulable object protrudes from an interior of the housing to be operable by a user's finger.

8. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 7 wherein the at least one user-manipulable object comprises at least one of a button and a roller.

9. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 1 wherein the upper member is coupled to a top case which is connected to the bottom case, the upper member including beveled edges to substantially conceal gaps between the upper member and the top case.

10. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 1 wherein the bottom case includes an alignment groove configured to be aligned with an alignment protrusion of a recharging member.

11. (Currently Amended) An input device comprising:  
a housing having:  
a bottom case including an alignment groove configured to align with an alignment protrusion of a charging base configured to receive the input device for charging the input device;

a top case connected to the bottom case, the top case including a left side grip and a right side grip being formed on a single piece component, the left side grip and the right side grip being configured to be held by a user's thumb on one side and by at least one of the user's ring finger and little finger on another side; and

an upper member connected to the top case and including a palm rest configured to support the user's palm.

12. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 11 wherein the single piece component includes a front connected between the left side grip and the right side grip.

13. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 11 wherein at least one of the left side grip and the right side grip has a concave surface.

14. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 11 wherein a portion of the single piece component has a hollow interior.

15. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 14 wherein the single piece component having the hollow interior is formed by gas assisted injection molding.

16. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 11 wherein the single piece component has a thick portion which is thicker than a thin portion, and wherein the thin portion comprises a first material and wherein the thick portion comprises the first material and a second material.

17. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 16 wherein the single piece component having the thick portion and the thin portion is formed by dual material injection molding.

18. (Currently Amended) An input device comprising:  
a housing having;  
a bottom case;  
a top case connected to the bottom case, the top case including a left side grip and a right side grip, the left side grip and the right side grip being configured to be held by a user's thumb on one side and by at least one of the user's ring finger and little finger on another side;  
and

an upper member connected to the top case, the upper member including a palm rest configured to support the user's palm, and at least one a left key plate connected to the palm rest by a left hinge recess formed on a bottom surface of the upper member and connected without a gap, and a right key plate connected to the palm rest by a right hinge recess formed on the bottom surface of the upper member and connected without a gap,

the at least one left key plate being movable in bending relative to the palm rest at the left hinge recess,

the right key plate being movable in bending relative to the palm rest at the right hinge recess,

the left hinge recess being angled forward and outward to the left from a central region of the upper member, and

the right hinge recess being angled forward and outward to the right from the central region of the upper member.

19. (Previously Presented) The input device of claim 18 wherein the left side grip and the right side grip of the top case are formed on a single piece component.

20. (Currently Amended) The input device of claim 18 wherein the at least one left key plate extends continuously from the palm rest to form the left hinge recess between the at least one left key plate and the palm rest without a gap, and the right key plate extends continuously from the palm rest to form the right hinge recess between the right key plate and the palm rest without a gap.

21. (New) The input device of claim 6 wherein the island includes a left side adjacent to the left key plate and the left side includes at least one left tab that extends over a top of the left key plate, and the island includes a right side adjacent to the right key plate and the right side includes at least one right tab that extend over a top of the right key plate.

22. (New) The input device of claim 21 wherein the tabs are configured to inhibit the key plates from extending above the tabs.

23. (New) The input device of claim 21 wherein the tabs are configured to inhibit the key plates from extending above the tabs if the input device is dropped.